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BIG JIM IS BIG NAME

European Papers Splash DA Garrison's Plot Probe

LONDON (AP)—Jim Garrison became a name as big as his 6-foot, 6-inch frame in Europe overnight by announcing his own investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Newspapers catering to the continuing European interest in the Dallas murder gave the story front page prominence on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

SPECIAL correspondents hurried to New Orleans to write at first hand about DA Garrison and his promise to convict suspected plotters against Kennedy.

The stories still are coming out. Last night Madrid's El Alcazar had a front page report headed: "The People Will Soon Know All the Truth About Dallas."

A correspondent for the evening paper quoted Garrison as saying in a special interview: "We know the names of everyone who formed the plot. But you know it is impossible for me to give you the names of these men."

IN MOST European countries Garrison's initial announcement of the inquiry got splash treatment but tended to drift to inside pages later.

But Communist newspapers kept booming the story. In a recent editorial, the Italian party organ L'unita said the recent revelations left America "floating in a fearsome vacuum of ideals in which anything can happen and is happening."

In Yugoslavia, party line papers called the Garrison probe "bigger news in Europe" than in the United States. The Polish press agency said in a recent story that "at the root of the whole affair there must lie some very important political and financial rivalry."

WEST GERMAN interest was immense when the Garrison story first broke.

Bild Zeitung, West Germany's biggest daily, moved the story to page two the next day and said that "ever-increasing doubt was being cast in the United States" on Garrison's disclosures.

But interest picked up again with the death of David Ferrie, and Die Welt of Hamburg said: "The fact can no longer be denied that the persons bound to the Dallas tragedy do not live healthy lives."

IN FRANCE, newspapers fond of sensations gave major play to the story with treatments indicating they felt that something might develop out of Garrison's inquiry.

In Britain, Stanley Burch wrote in The Daily Mail: "Garrison, a handsome, flamboyant character, is an aggressively ambitious politician who could become governor of Louisiana or a U. S. Senator . . .

"Garrison's astonishing investigation is political ammunition of the most tremendous sort."